

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Natural Resource Commission
Regular Meeting
April 14, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 6:16 p.m. by John Keshick III,
Commissioner

Roll Call:

Commission: Commissioner, John Keshick III; Vice-Chairman, Daugherty Johnson III; Treasurer, Phil Harmon; and Secretary, William McNamara.

Absent: Associate Commissioner, Emily Proctor;

NRD Staff: NRD Director, Doug Craven; Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis; Great Lakes Fishery Biologist, Stephen Lenart; Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima; and Administrative Assistant, Debra S. Browne.

Absent: Inland Fishery Biologist Mentor, William Parsons; Inland Fisheries Biologist, Max Field;

Guests: Paul Barboux, SSM Fisherman;

Public Comment: Opened 6:18 p.m.

Public Comment: Closed at 6:20 p.m.

NRC reviewed the Agenda.

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to adopt the agenda as amended, William McNamara, Secretary, supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

6:28 p.m. Daugherty Johnson III arrived.

Motion made by, Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to enter the phone poll to approve attendance at the Bell's Fishery meeting that was held on April 7, 2010; dated April 09, 2010 into the record, William McNamara, Secretary, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

NRC reviewed the minutes of March 10, 2010.

Motion made by, Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2010 as corrected, William McNamara, Secretary, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

6:34 p.m. Kevin Willis arrived.

NRC reviewed the minutes of March 24, 2010.

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to approve the Minutes of March 24, 2010 as corrected, Phil Harmon, Treasurer, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Directors Report – Doug Craven, Director

- Sturgeon – have not heard from LTBB selected harvester in a few weeks. Will make an attempt to contact him.
- FYI – SSM Sturgeon Regulations – SSM will select a harvester.
- CORA Strategic Plan – last CORA meeting tribes decided to go ahead with the strategic plans with the exception of SSM whom submitted a letter stating that they would not agree to the strategic plan. SSM may possibly rescind the letter opposing the strategic plan.
- Wilderness Park – LTBB fisherman wants to launch out of Wilderness Park and the launch is not in place this early in the unusually warm spring season.
- Cross Village launch site – CORA is looking to move forward on the launch and obtaining funds for the cost. GLFT takes a sponsor to apply for funding from GLFT and CORA has funds available for the funding. With Lake Huron fishery having difficulties it is suspected that SSM fishermen may want to launch out of Cross Village with larger vessels than LTBB currently launches, thus effort will be increased.
- Grants received notice Tribal Wildlife grants were approved; Max in Lac du Flambeau for initiative grants reporting process for the GLRI Grant. Great Lakes grant – Assessment Crooked Pickerel and will partner with tribes and MDNR and looking at job position with the grant.
- MSU Intern coming May 24, 2010 fisheries and wildlife student – also put in for a new intern position with additional funds.
- Work group horticulture tribal extension group for agriculture and meeting on a monthly basis to develop workshops, the next

- 1 project will be a greenhouse project. Other workshops that have
2 been held through the work group are canning classes for fish,
3 venison.
- 4 • Bio Diesel as come to a stand still at the moment and getting
5 Oneida's feed back with liability of sovereignty and not willing to
6 go to tribal court. Oneida wants to go to state court.
 - 7 • NRD department sign – for 3 yrs have been trying to get a sign
8 up and the department has submitted the plan to the planning
9 department for approval.
 - 10 • Computerized hunter survey program is being looked into at this
11 time.
 - 12 • Deer Baiting – a court case from feeding birds went through a
13 local county court and the court ruled in the favor of the
14 birdfeeder that he was not intentionally baiting deer. This will
15 keep the deer baiting on the front line with a new case of TB
16 being found in Emmet County cattle herd.
 - 17 • Garden Island – Frank Ettawageshik, Winnay Wemigwase, Alan
18 Proctor, and Doug Craven had a meeting to talk about the land
19 swap on Garden Island and the group that has evolved over time
20 and obtained possession of the Indian cemetery through
21 purchase. Ceremonies are being held there now that has a
22 cultish feel to the goings on.

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24 **Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to approve the**
25 **Director's Verbal Report as presented by Douglas Craven,**
26 **Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman supports.**

27 **4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

28 **Motion Carried**

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30 Conservation Enforcement Report – Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation
31 Officer

- 32 • Quiet spearing season so far this year – participated in a group
33 patrol that was held on Bay de Noc last week.
- 34 • Conservation Officer Position posting process has been
35 completed; received a total of 12 applicants and 6 of which are
36 tribal members.
- 37 • No violations were recorded during the 2010 1st quarter reports,
38 or during the walleye spearing season.

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40 **Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer to approve the**
41 **Conservation Enforcement Verbal Report as presented by Kevin**
42 **Willis, Conservation Officer, William McNamara, Secretary,**
43 **supports.**

44 **4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

45 **Motion Carried**

1 Great Lakes Biologist Report – Stephen Lenart, Great Lakes Biologist –
2 Written Report

- 3 • Updates working toward obtaining costs estimates for a vessel
4 that can be utilized in low water levels – work skiff estimate –
5 SSM fisherman that has a boat for sale and staff inspected the
6 boat last week.
- 7 • Randy Seymour traveled to Manistee, MI. LRB to observe and
8 learn how to work on net tying, set up for tying nets and the
9 equipment that is needed to do net tying. A video was taken at
10 the time of the visit and will be reviewed for future reference.
- 11 • Randal Seymour has been aging whitefish scales and should
12 complete the data this week.
- 13 • Adrienne Kral has been working on developing a updated packet
14 for captain, subsistence and helper rules & regulations, maps
15 and fish reports.
- 16 • Regional stakeholder work group regarding Bay Harbor cdc.
17 Attended a meeting today with Bay Harbor and the city of
18 Petoskey. The commission needs to set some time to discuss.
- 19 • Lake trout tfc and msc later in on the agenda.

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21 **Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice Chairman to**
22 **approve the Great Lakes Biologist Verbal Report as prepared by**
23 **Stephen Lenart, Great Lakes Biologist, Phil Harmon, Treasurer,**
24 **supports.**

25 **4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**
26 **Motion Carried**

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28 Inland Biologist Wildlife Report – Archie Kiogima

- 29 • Meetings
 - 30 ○ Elk Conference Call was held on April 13, 2010
- 31 • Field Activities
 - 32 ○ Inland Spring Walleye Assessments
 - 33 ■ Big Lake – Otsego County
 - 34 • Set 9 Fyke Nets – 3/28/2010
 - 35 • Lifted and Set 9 Fyke Nets – 3/29/10
 - 36 • Electro-fished 3/29/10
 - 37 • Lifted and Set 9 Fyke Nets & 2 Trap nets
 - 38 3/30/10
 - 39 • Lifted and Set 9 Fyke Nets & 2 Trap nets
 - 40 3/31/10
 - 41 • Electro-fished 3/31/10 – w/ Tim Cwalinski
 - 42 • Lifted 9 Fyke Nets & 2 Trap nets 4/01/10
 - 43 • Electro-fished 4/1/10 – w/ Stephen Lenart
 - 44 • Electro-fished recapture 4/5/10
 - 45 ■ Frenchmans Lake – Chippewa County

- 1 • Scouted 4/6/10 – No Ice Present
- 2 • Set 4/7/10 – 12 Fyke Nets
- 3 • Electro-fished 4/7/10 – w/ Dwight
- 4 • Lifted 12 Fyke Nets – 4/8/10
- 5 ○ Carcass Cameras (5) – completed
- 6 ▪ Wilderness State Park (2)
- 7 ▪ Jurek's Gut Piles – Retrieved 4/9/10
- 8 ▪ Wycamp Lake – Retrieved 4/9/10
- 9 ▪ French Farm Lake
- 10 • Monitoring
- 11 ○ Wycamp Lake Staff Gauge @ Dam
- 12 • Working on the 1st quarterly report for 2010.
- 13 • Bear – state Natural Resource Commission turned down the
- 14 recommendation from the MI Dept. of Natural Resources to
- 15 provide private land only permits for bear. There will be a Bear
- 16 Advisory Team developed to deal with nuisance bears that will
- 17 have 20 participants on the board.

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19 **Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman to**
20 **approve the Inland Wildlife Biologist Written Report as**
21 **presented by Archie Kiogima, Phil Harmon, Treasurer,,**
22 **supports.**

23 **4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

24 **Motion Carried**

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26 Commissioner's Report – John Keshick III, Commissioner – No Report

- 27 • Phil met with budget to get it all set.
- 28 • NAFWS National meeting June 6 – 10, 2010 Fond du Lac
- 29 participants need to make decisions as to attendance so that
- 30 travel can be submitted.

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33 **Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to**
34 **approve Natural Resource Commissioner report as presented**
35 **by John Keshick III, Commissioner, William McNamara,**
36 **Secretary, supports.**

37 **4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

38 **Motion Carried**

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40 Break at 8:07 p.m.

41 Meeting reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

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43 Discussion was held on LTBB 2010 Lake Trout Harvest Limits – TFC

44 with preliminary harvest limits so the TFC can provide limits to the

45 tribes. MH-1 was under a 3 yr negotiation limits so in 2010 the TAC

1 will be set by the model. MH1 – the base model generated harvest
2 limits of 182,840 lbs for CORA and 20,316 lbs for the State, however,
3 the MSC could not reach agreement on the appropriateness of these
4 harvest limits, consequently no preliminary harvest limit is provided.
5 The 2009 harvest by both CORA and the Sate fisheries exceeded their
6 2009 harvest limits. 2010 preliminary lake trout harvest limits for
7 each management unit in 1836 Treaty waters of Lakes Superior,
8 Michigan and Huron as calculated by the Modeling Subcommittee. The
9 modeling subcommittee could not come to a consensus in MH1, thus
10 data is not available at this time to make a recommendation. The
11 State over harvested by 25% last year and will be subject to a penalty
12 in 2010.

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14 **Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to**
15 **approve the LTBB Commercial Fishermen Safety Equipment**
16 **Program for Commercial Fishermen, Phil Harmon, Treasurer,**
17 **supports.**

18 **4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

19 **Motion Carried**

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21 **Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to**
22 **approve the LTBB Commercial Fishermen Training Assistance**
23 **Program for Commercial Fishermen, Phil Harmon, Treasurer,**
24 **supports.**

25 **4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

26 **Motion Carried**

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28 9:18 p.m. Stephen Lenart departs meeting.

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30 Discussion was held on the Elk Management Advisory Team
31 Representation – the State of MI would like to have one tribal
32 representative to make recommendations to the State. The advisory
33 team will have the first meeting in June 2010.

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35 Discussion was held on the Natural Resource Commission for Changing
36 Rules and Regulations Policy. Doug will compare with the written
37 policy that the commission already has in place and bring back to the
38 commission meeting.

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40 Discussion was held on the LTBB Odawa Fishery Inc, Corporate
41 Charter Draft document, commission reviewed and made comments.
42 Currently there is a Corporate Charter in place that will be a working
43 document until updated; Doug will work on the Corporate Charter
44 revisions.

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson, Vice-Chairman to invite EDC and Chuck Schofield to the next NRC meeting to complete a management plan for Bell's Fishery, Phil Harmon, Treasurer, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Treasurer, to approve LTBB Dock Usage Application submitted by Lyle R. Merriam for the Beaver Island dock and Lyle will submit fee according to the LTBB Dock Policy, Daugherty Johnson, III, Vice-Chairman, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the Regulation changes on the LTBB Reservation. Because of the wildlife refuge areas within our reservation the commission really needs to get some regulations in place, separate from the Inland Consent Decree Ceded Territory.

Public comment opened at 10:50 p.m.

Public comment closed at 10:5 p.m.

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 p.m., Phil Harmon, Treasurer, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Next scheduled meeting will be held on April 28, 2010.

Approved:

William McNamara, Secretary

Date